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from the desk of the Managing Editor

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Holy..! August already? Whatever happened to "summer"? It's been another cool and damp one around here, with lots of rain – you can actually watch the grass grow. Hope things are more conducive to outdoor activities (like antenna work) where you are. Pretty soon it'll be September, then October, then the sn*w will begin to fly and we'll all be complaining about the cold for another few months before the cycle starts again.

The radio doldrums have made themselves known with this issue; even DiaLogs is only four pages. That's a lot more than I've been hearing, but it's not the usual quantity of logs. Between the weather and the increased QRN, I guess it's safe to say that most of us have more pleasant (or just more pressing) things to do this time of year.

Next up: Labor Day, then back to school. What a rip! Onward..!

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DiaLogs

August, 2004

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(Next deadline for submissions: 18th August, 2004)

Format of a log entry:

Date Heard / Time Heard (in UTC) / Frequency (in kHz) / Mode / Details of Transmission

Modes:

A = AM F = FM L = Lower Sideband U = Upper Sideband

Reporting a signal's quality:

The simplest way of doing this is to judge the signal as being "Poor", "Fair" or "Good" and reporting it as such.

If you're one of them highfalutin' types with radios that are smarter'n your dawg, you probably use the SIO system

S = Signal (strength)

I = Interference

O = Overall (quality)

- S, I and O are all rated between 0 and 5, 0 being worst, 5 being best. (As I recall, there were written tables for these values but I haven't seen one in a very long time. If you have the details somewhere, send 'em along to me!)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

UNID

- 07/03/04, 2330-0004+, 6220/6280A – mx – Europop, Disco. (CL-BI 343)

NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

Ann Arbor Radio (FRN)

- 06/20/04, 1833-1838*/1845-1914*, 6925U – Young boy announcer who was reminiscent of the Sunshine Radio guy. Announced as a Father's Day show. Break at 1858 announced as a beer break. Guitar and vocals. (GZ-OH 242)

Big Thunder Radio (bigthunderradio@hotmail.com)

- 07/06/04, 0119-0147, 6925U – mx – Dylan, "Why Don't we get Drunk and Screw". ID at 0137. (AF Poor)(GZ-OH 242)(CL-BI 232)(WS-TN Fair)

Black Mountain Radio (wbmrradio@hotmail.com)

- 07/18/04, 0255-0350, 6925A – mx – Irish instrumental? Possible ID at 0311. Mike O'Farad hosting. Transmitter drifting. (AF Poor)(CL-MA 222)(WS-TN Poor)(WH-IL Fair)

Captain Morgan ()

- 06/28/04, 0155-0205, 6950A – a salute to used car salesmen, QSL info. (WS-TN Good)
- 07/06/04, 0156-0238*, 6925U – mx – Paul Simon. Mention of a song contest. Roy Mercer phone prank. Overdriven audio. (CL-BI 232)(WS-TN Good)

Grasscutter/Sunshine Radio (FRN)

- 07/06/04, 0055, 6925U - mx - New Age, Dylan. Much dead air between cuts. (WH-IL Poor)

KORN (Unknown)

- 06/27/04, *0001-0013*, 6925U - mx - "Black Water". "In corn country, saying 'Goodnight!' (AF Poor)(GZ-OH 242)(WS-TN Fair)

Maryanne Calling (???)

- 07/04/04, 0259-0305, 6925U. ID. (WS-TN Good)

Peoria Radio (Unknown)

- 06/27/04, 0000-0002*, 6925U - mx - Rock. OM anncr. Clear ID. (GZ-OH 232)

Radio Free Speech (Belfast)

- 07/03/04, 2254-2320*, 6925A - Fourth of July program with parody ads and advocacy of free speech by Bill O. Rights. Thanks to P. J. Sparks for years of good programming, mention of other Pirates and DXers. QSLs and bumper stickers offered for reports. (GZ-OH 242)

Ragnar Radio (ragnarradio@yahoo.com)

- 06/20/04, 0015, 6925A - mx - Alice Cooper, Iron Maiden. 27th show, said transmitting power was a mighty 40 watts. (WH-IL Poor)
- 06/20/04, 0133-0243*, 6925A - mx - The Who, Bowie, Jethro Tull. Second transmission of the day and testing an antenna with which they hoped to reach the West Coast. (AF Poor)(GZ-OH 242)
- 07/11/04, 0155, 6950A - mx - Donovan, Kid Rock. (WH-IL Poor)

Take It Easy Radio (Merlin)

- 06/27/04, *0243-0325*, 6924U - mx - "All Along the Watchtower", "Life in the Fast Lane", "I Hear the Train A-Comin'". Fansome for President ad. Off with signature tune. (AF Fair)(CL-MA 343)(RS-OH 444)(DB-OH 454)(GZ-OH 242)(WS-TN Good)

The Border Radio (borderradio@hushmail.com)

- 06/19/04, 0308-0316*, 6925U - mx - Rock w/vocals. IDs at 0312, 0316, off w/mention of the FRN. (CL-MA 232)

Voodoo Radio (vudu11@hotmail.com)

- 06/27/04, 0352-0426, 6925U - mx - Gordon Lightfoot. (WS-TN Poor)

WBNY (Unknown)

- 06/27/04, 0111, 6925A - Commander Bunny says it's time for Al Fansome to check his tire pressure. (WH-IL Poor)(WS-TN Fair)

WBST (None?)

- 07/04/04, 0253-0254, 6950A - mx - Rock. Laughter. (WS-TN Poor)

WHYP (whyp6925@yahoo.com/Belfast)

- 07/02/04, 0211-0233, 6925A - "Let it Ride". Happy Canada Day. (AF Poor)(WS-TN Fair)
- 07/04/04, 0025-0215, 6925A - mx - Devo, Bozo and wiener talk, Alexander Ashe Hemorrhoidal Cream, "Anderson on the Run" and other goodies. George Zeller's comment about a station that was so bad it was entertaining is heard. (DB-OH 444)(AF Poor)(GZ-OH 242)(CL-BI 232)
- 07/05/04, 0037-0142*, 6925A - mx - Eagles, Eminem parody. Hosted by JTA, complaints about reruns on WHYP, the Devil vs. Radio Bob. A plug for the ACE. (AF Fair)(DB-OH 444)(GZ-OH 242)(WH-IL Poor)(CL-BI 454)

Wild Imagination Radio (???)

- 07/02/04, 0132-0206, 6948A - home grown comedy skits, singing, whistling. Muffled audio. Mention of "carbuncle". (AF Fair)(WS-TN Fair)

TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

UNID

- 06/25/04, 0126-0132*, 6925A - OM anncr reading numbers - all between 1 and 20. At 0126 OM switched to telling stories about a YL in Miami and another about a geography test - all in numbers cadence. (GZ-OH 232)
- 06/25/04, 0207, 6920A - monologue in Spanish. Broadcast-like but no mx - more like somebody reading to the fleet? (WS-TN Fair)
- 06/25/04, 2307, 6925U - Amos 'n Andy. (AF Poor)
- 06/26/04, 0141-0147, 6925A - YL reading numbers, then OM voice. "The water is warm in Miami tonight". (AF Poor)(WS-TN Fair - Rodent Revolution?)
- 06/26/04, 2105, 6925U - Cheech and Chong? (AF Poor)
- 06/26/04, 2240-2305*, 6925U - Christmas Carols. (AF Fair)(RS-OH 444)(DB-OH 454)
- 06/26/04, 2350-2359, 6927U - SSTV images of tire checking, Al Fansome as a bunny. (WS-TN Fair)
- 06/27/04, 0027-0045, 6925U - "Addams Family" & "Beverly Hillbillies" theme tunes, random clips. (AF Poor)(WS-TN Good)
- 07/01/04, 0045-0134*, 6925U - mx - continuous piano pieces. (BF-PA Fair)
- 07/04/04, 2121, 6925U - some kind of traffic report with "the 401" being mentioned. (AF Poor)
- 07/05/04, 0234, 6925U - mx - theme tune from "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly". Some sort of ballad, repeated sound clips. (AF Poor)
- 07/05/04, 0252-0258, 6925U - SSTV transmissions. No software to decode it. (DB-OH 333)
- 07/06/04, 0129-0131, 6925U - mx - Dylan. Somebody saying "Sounds like a good idea, man" and "...computer all goofed up..." (DB-OH 343)
- 07/07/04, 0145, 6925U - possibly comedy. (AF Poor)
- 07/09/04, 0142, 6925U - mx - "Call Me", "Hangin' on the Telephone". (AF Poor)

WBNY?

- 06/27/04, 0020, 6925U - "Addams Family" & "Beverly Hillbillies" theme tunes, Monty Python skit. (WH-IL Poor)(Bill reported this one as did Al, but he said possibly 'BNY)

MAIL DROPS

These are the relevant - for this month - addresses to which you should send your reports as appropriate (along with at least three first class stamps to handle mailing costs) if you're doing things by snail mail or if the station doesn't use email.

Don't forget that foreign drops need IRCs or dollar bills instead of US postage stamps.

Semi-foreign drops (read: Canadians) need cash or IRCs but might accept cowrie shells, beads or small hand mirrors. Poutine is an accepted medium of exchange only within the province of Quebec.

Of course, if you really want to cover all the bases - get with it and spend the vast sum of \$49 bucks (after rebate) for a WebTV box - as time goes by, more and more of the QSL business is being transacted via email.

Belfast: Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711

Merlin: Box 293, Merlin, Ontario NOP 1W0, CANADA

Providence: P.O. Box 2843, Providence, RI 02908

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TEN (and TWENTY) YEARS AFTER...

August 1984 ACE was 24 pages with a Radio Sound Wave QSL promoting the "Verbal Assault" program on the cover. DiaLogs was 7 pages, including 9 NAM FM, 17 NAM SW, 1 Euro (Dublin on 6910), 8 clandestines, and 15 unIDs from 23 reporters.

August 1994 ACE was 32 pages with a Jolly Roger Int'l QSL on the cover. DiaLogs was 10 pages, including 60 (!) NAM SW, 1 Foreign SW (KIWT), and 16 unIDs from 23 contributors.

RAMBLINGS

Well, a decent showing, folks - my sincere thanks to all who checked in.

August, August, August..... Jaysus, I been editing/writing this column for a darn long time now! Quite a few years.

Bill Hassig suggests that everyone should go see "Fahrenheit 9/11" to get a handle on who's robbing us all blind and mismanaging America!

Lee's prediction - I said to a friend over a year ago that it wouldn't surprise me if the '04 elections were to somehow be "misaid" - wanna bet we might find attempts being made to do just that if Dubya looks like losing the election? I would have thought that nobody'd be dumb enough to try that but given that the administration has actually started making noises about Iran in just the same way they did about Iraq - even though just about everyone now believes that we were lied to about that one...

Well, more drama - as of 7/16 I found myself unemployed. Oh joy! That's why this column was a bit late and why, possibly, I may have mislaid some reports. Bear with me here, people - my mind is elsewhere - like keeping a roof over my head for the moment.

Heh - just when things were looking up.

And the damn QRM won't go away - I can't even listen to the radio while I'm job hunting on the 'net. Arrrrgh!

Oh well, I'm sure that either pair of millionaires, when they get into the White House, will truly feel my pain. Makes me feel a whole lot better, I can tell ya!

PROPAGATION

No propagation charts for a little while - I need to get the computer that I run them on back together again.

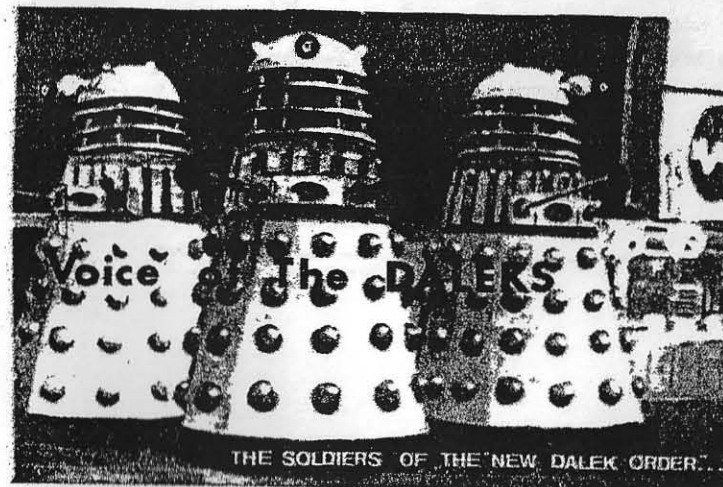
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gnuz and gnotes...

Of interest to pirate listeners: According to James Brownyard, WHYP is now using Box 1, Belfast, for mail instead of the Providence drop. It appears as though the RI drop may not be functional any more, but we've had no direct word from the droperator...

Old-time pirate programs are now available on CD-R media (in audio format, playable in any home, car, or portable player) from DVS. Complete (or almost complete) libraries are available for Primitive Radio, The Radio Airplane, Radio Azteca, Radio Esoterica, Radio Garbanzo, Radio X, and Voice of Laryngitis, with more getting transcribed as time goes by. If you'd like a few CDs of studio quality pirate programs, feel free to contact me at Box 1.

under the door... the QSL report

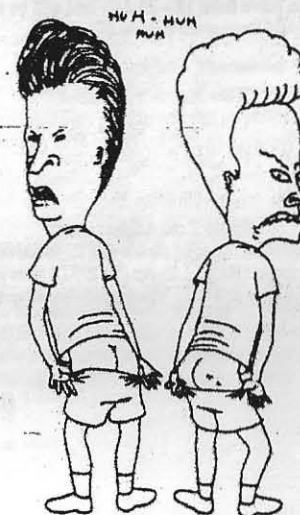
Rich D'Angelo got a piece of Captain Ron's late famous cardboard box and a pirate hat in about six months.

Woody Smith received an eQSL from Black Mountain Radio in less than one day for an email report.

Looks like they're the only people hearing things! Let's see your name here next month.

73, jta

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On 10/12/96 from a bar near here serving Beck beer with the Beck girl on her Beck
and music by BECK on our cd Beckbox.

Clandestine Profile

by Vincent R. Havrilko

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Active Clandestines - 164

Inactive - 522

(Courtesy of www.clandestineradio.com)

Introduction

Greetings from Okinawa, Japan! I have been extremely busy lately with duty, off-duty education, and family commitments making time to DX very tight. It's no surprise since I'm working for the second largest vehicle fleet in the Air Force. Typhoon season has been quiet but that can change very quickly. Please note the e-mail address change above. Kadena finally got cable internet and it's a big improvement over the dial-up service we were using. Sorry, I have no loggings of my own but I'm on leave from 19 - 23 July and will be spending some time on the north end of the island so I should have some time to DX.

This Month's Features

This column will be a little short this month due to time constraints. This month's features will include information and latest loggings from Iraq, Radio Free Afghanistan, Yawi Radio in Thailand, and Zimbabwe courtesy of Clandestineradio.com.

Radio Free Afghanistan

Afghanistan currently has 3 active clandestine media and 23 inactive. Radio Free Afghanistan broadcasts from Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) sites in Dari and Pashto. This station has been active since January of 2002. The current broadcast schedule as of April 04 is:

0230-0530 17670 kHz
0330-0830 19010 kHz
0530-0630 17710 kHz
0630-0830 17685 kHz
0730-1030 17685, 19010 kHz
0930-1430 17685 kHz
0930-1330 19010 kHz
1330-1430 17685 kHz

Contact address is RFE/RL, 1201 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Iraq

Iraq has 10 active clandestine media and 21 inactive. Radio Free Iraq broadcasts from RFE/RL sites in Arabic from sites at Kavala, Greece, Lampertheim, UK, and Woofferton, UK. It has been active since 1998. Its current broadcast schedule as of April 04 is:

0100-0300 7205 kHz
0100-0600 9730 9865 kHz
0300-0400 11910 kHz
0400-0600 11930 kHz
1400-1700 9825 15170 17740 kHz
1400-1500 13755 kHz
1500-1900 11805 kHz
1700-1800 9865 17690 kHz
1800-1900 9505 9740 kHz

Contact address is RFE/RL, 1201 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

In an April 12, 2004 article via Agence France Press, the US led coalition and its allies accused the two biggest Arab new media outlets of inciting violence against coalition forces. Al-Jazeera (Qatar) and Al-Arabiya (Dubai) have been openly supporting the anti-US forces and stirring violence between the country's ethnic groups so this country will continue to be an interesting DX target.

Yawi Radio - Thailand

The organization affiliated with this station is reported to be the Royal Thai Army. This station's purpose is "to win the hearts and minds the minority Muslim population in Southern Thailand using PSYOPs." This is obviously a preemptive measure to prevent future terrorist activities. The station has been active since January 2004, broadcasting on 107.3 MHz. A team of 10 have been distributing *Tanin* radios (a local brand) to border villages. According to PSYOP commander Lt Col Sombat Sriyodying, each team includes a Muslim soldier and interpreter. The villagers will be told about border incidents and military operations. Psychological teams will also listen to complaints from locals and offer help. Unfortunately, no shortwave frequencies are being used.

SW Radio Africa - Zimbabwe

This station is affiliated with a London-based group of Zimbabwean exiles who seek to "give listeners unbiased information so they can make informed decisions not just on political issues but on other aspects of their lives." The station denies any association with political parties or organizations. The founder of the station was Gerry Jackson who was employed by the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC). She was fired for taking live phone calls from listeners during the 1997 food riots. She launched an independent station called *Capital FM* which was raided by police on direct order of President Mugabe. Latest logging noted was in January 04 on 6145 KHz from 1600-1900 by a DX'er in Finland.

A check of their website www.swafricaradio.com advertises 4880 KHz as their broadcast frequency. Some of the main features on the web site were a British Sky News interview with President Mugabe and an article about the implication of a police commissioner in a car theft racket. Some of you may have read many of the horror stories of what's been happening in that troubled nation so it bears watching. Their e-mail contact address is mail@swradioafrica.com.

Look forward to hearing from you!

73's and Good DX,

Vince

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The A*C*E is an association of individuals who find pirate, clandestine and covert communications an interesting part of their radio listening hobby. The primary existence of the club revolves around the publication of a monthly bulletin, The A*C*E. The bulletin reports on pirate, clandestine, covert and other unexplained broadcasts. Also, the readers are provided with other available material concerning motives, explanations and the theories behind these various broadcasts and broadcasters. The ACE as an organization, does not encourage, support or condone any illegal activity; we simply seek to understand the nature and reasoning behind such broadcasts. If your interests include listening to pirate radio stations, clandestine broadcasts and covert communications, The A*C*E is for you!!

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